

:010 15.626 Hunter Education & Safety Program - Section 10 (Component of the 15.611 Wildlife Restoration Program)

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Federal Aid in wildlife Restoration act of 1937, 50 stat. 917 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 669h-1

:050 OBJECTIVES: To provide Section 10 funds for the enhancement of hunter, bow, and archery education programs and the enhancement of construction of firearm shooting ranges and archery ranges.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Formula Grants

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: These funds may only be used for the enhancement of hunter education programs and construction of ranges until the state has used all of the 4(c) funds apportioned to it for hunter education and safety per 16 U.S.C. 669c.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Participation limited to State fish and wildlife agencies. States must have passed laws for the conservation of wildlife which includes a prohibition against diversion of license fees paid by hunters for purposes other than the administration of the State fish and wildlife agency. Also eligible are Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: Participation limited to State fish and wildlife agencies.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: Notification of desire to participate must be made annually to the Secretary. The State fish and wildlife director must furnish a certification of the number of paid hunting-license holders. Costs will be determined in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Section 12.62 (of the common rule) identifies Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: The standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," must be used for this program. Environmental assessment is required to determine environmental impacts. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed

in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 **Application Procedure:** Participating States will submit a narrative statement describing the need, objectives, benefits, approach, and estimated cost for the proposed grant along with the standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" and the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual.

:093 **Award Procedure:** The Regional Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service approves or disapproves proposed grants. Regional offices are responsible for notification of grant approval to the grantee by return of a completed grant agreement.

:094 **Deadlines:** None.

:095 **Range of Approval/Disapproval Time:** Approximately 30 days.

:096 **Appeals:** Final determination rests with the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

:097 **Renewals:** Multi-year grants may be renewed on an annual basis through approval of a Grant Agreement.

#### :100 **ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:**

:101 **Formula and Matching Requirements:** Funds are apportioned on the basis of population of the States. No State may receive more than 3 percent or less than 1 percent of the total hunter safety funds apportioned. States may be reimbursed up to 75 percent of the total project cost. Statistical factors used for fund allocation are (1) State's percentage share of land area from the 2000 Census of Population (Statistical Abstract of the United States, 12<sup>th</sup> edition); (2) State's percentage share of number of paid hunting license holders, from the source annually certified by each State's fish and wildlife agency; (3) State's percentage share of population (hunter education) from the source 2000 Census of Population. Statistical factors used for eligibility do not apply for this program.

:102 **Length and Time Phasing of Assistance:** Funds are available for obligation for one year. Balances remaining unobligated after one year are returned to be reapportioned to certain States for use in wildlife restoration activities.

#### :110 **POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

:111 **Reports:** An Annual Performance Report is required for each annual segment within 90 days after the anniversary date of the grant award.

:112 **Audits:** For awards made under this Program, grantees and subgrantees are responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.) and OMB Circular A-133.

:113 Records: Cost records must be maintained separately for each project. Records, accounts, and supporting documents must be retained for three years after submission of final request for reimbursement.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-5029-0-2-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY 01 \$7,500,000; FY 02 \$7,500,000; FY 03 \$8,000,000.

:123 Range of Financial Assistance: \$12,500. - \$225,000.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Not available. (Program is new.)

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: 50 CFR 80; Fish and Wildlife Service Manual.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog address appendix.

:152 Headquarters Office: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. Contact: Chief, Division of Federal Aid. Telephone: (703) 358-2156.

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.605, Sport Fish Restoration; 15.608, Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance; 15.615, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation; 15.617, Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Hunter and/or bow and archery education and training programs, shooting range construction and/or renovation and maintenance.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Grants must be submitted by the State agency having responsibility for management of the State's wildlife resources. The State agency selects those grants that are submitted for funding under the program. Grants are approved if they meet the basic criteria contained in the regulations referenced above.

:600 **SUBJECT TERMS:**

- Fish and wildlife
  - habitat management
  - hunting improvement, safety
  - refuges
  - wildlife conservation, management
  - wildlife information, technical assistance
  - wildlife research
  - wildlife restoration

Recreation  
hunting improvement  
Pittman-Robertson (P-R) program

:700 FORMULA NARRATIVE:

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:710 MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURE:

*X TOTAL = POPULATION ALLOCATION. State Population  
/Total U.S. Population = Population Factor. Population Factor X  
Population Allocation = Population Share.  
Population Share=Apportionment to State  
(Not to exceed .03 or less than .01 of Total).  
Puerto Rico = 0.005 X TOTAL.  
Other U.S. AREAS = 0.00167 X TOTAL.*

:720 DEFINITIONS:

*Total = Total amount apportioned.  
State Population = Population of each State.  
Total U.S. = Total population for all States. Other U.S. =  
Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana  
Islands, and the District of Columbia.*

:730 DATA SOURCE(S):

*Measures: Not applicable.  
Element: Population of States. Source of Data: U. S. Bureau of Census  
April 1, 2000 Population Estimates.*

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